

**Amendment and Response**

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**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2007, in which claims 1 and 3-22 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 10, and 18 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention.

Claims 1 and 3-22 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 17, 18, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weller US Publication No. 2002/0080959.

Claims 5-7 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weller US Publication No. 2002/0080959 in view of Mazzagatte US Patent No. 6,862,583.

Claims 9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weller US Publication No. 2002/0080959 in view of Bolash US Patent No. 6,151,041.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weller US Publication No. 2002/0080959 in view of Herbert US Patent No. 6,212,505.

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weller US Publication No. 2002/080959 in view of Herbert US Patent No. 6,212,505, and further in view of Mazzagatte US Patent No. 6,862,583.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the method for enabling features of a printing device includes **"requiring authorization of a user of the printing device before enabling at least one feature of the printing device;" "receiving authorization information of the user of the printing device for use of the at least one feature of the printing device;" and "if the user of the printing device is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieving enabling information for the at least one feature of the printing device."**

With this Amendment, independent claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the feature-enabling system is configured to: **"require authorization of a user of the printing device before at least one feature of the printing device is enabled;" "receive authorization information of the user of the printing device for use of the at least one**

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**feature of the printing device;" and "if the user of the printing device is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieve information adapted to enable the at least one feature of the printing device."**

With this Amendment, independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify that the computer readable medium for use with a printing device includes logic configured to: **"require authorization of a user of the printing device before at least one feature of the printing device is enabled;" "receive authorization information of the user of the printing device for use of the at least one feature of the printing device;" and "if the user of the printing device is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieve information adapted to enable the at least one feature of the printing device."**

With respect to the Weller, Mazzagatte, Bolash, and Herbert references, Applicant submits that these references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a method for enabling features of a printing device as claimed in independent claim 1, do not disclose a print system as claimed in independent claim 10, and do not disclose a computer readable medium for use with a printing device as claimed in independent claim 18.

For example, the Weller reference discloses a document printer including an authenticity verifier for examining an electronic document to verify predetermined authentication information in the electronic document (Abstract). More specifically, the Weller reference provides that:

The authenticity verifier may be included in the printer controller, and examines the **authentication information of the document** to verify that the document is unchanged from when it was transmitted by the source computer, and for authenticating the source of the document (emphasis added) (Abstract).

The Weller reference, therefore, examines **authentication information of the document**. The Weller reference, however, does not disclose requiring authorization of a user of a printing device before enabling at least one feature of the printing device, does not disclose receiving authorization information of the user of the printing device for use of the at least one feature of the printing device, and does not disclose if a user of the printing device is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieving enabling information for the at least one feature of the printing device, as claimed in independent claims 1, 10, and 18.

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In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 10, and 18 are each patentably distinct from the Weller, Mazzagatte, Bolash, and Herbert references and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 3-9 and 22 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 11-17 further define patentably distinct claim 10, and dependent claims 19-21 further define patentably distinct claim 18, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 3-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1 and 3-22 be allowed.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1 and 3-22 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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